



Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
December 27, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

69 West Washington Street, 8th Floor Conference Room, Chicago, Illinois 60602

Board Members:

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairwoman
William J. Kresse, Commissioner/Secretary
Jonathan T. Swain, Commissioner

Staff:

Lance Gough, Executive Director
Adam W. Lasker, General Counsel
James P. Allen, Communications Director
Peter Peso, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Bill Perez, Coordinator Hispanic Outreach
Gary Ryczyn, Consultant
Geneva Morris, Videographer
Trish Sheehy

Guests:

Helene Gabelnick, League of Women Voters of Chicago (LWV Chicago)
C. Betty Magness, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

- I. **Call to Order:** The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** All members were present.
- III. **Consideration of Agenda:** It was noted that on the agenda "Section IV A – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 6, 2018" should read "Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting" and there should be an item IV B for "Approval of Minutes of the Canvassing Board of November 6, 2018". Commissioner Swain moved to so amend the agenda. Commissioner Kresse seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 6, 2018.** Commissioner Swain moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 6, 2018. Commissioner Kresse seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved by a 3:0 vote of the Board.

B. **Minutes of the Canvassing Board of November 6, 2018.** Commissioner Swain moved to approve the Minutes of the Canvassing Board meeting of November 6, 2018. Commissioner Kresse seconded the motion. The motion passed and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

V. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Lance Gough reported:

- Mr. Gough requested and received permission to set the "punch numbers" (ballot position numbers) and to issue them around January 4th. We will begin recording the audio section for the touchscreens for Early Voting in several languages including English on January 7th
- Mr. Gough and Assistant Executive Director Charles Holiday are going to go to the warehouse and see that they have everything they need to prepare and test the equipment, so that once we get the ballot set we'll be ready to go.
- We hope to begin ballot printing around January 18th.
- During the 1st week of January we will be sending out emails to people who have voted by mail (VBM) in the past. There are approximately 300,000 on file, so we are going to send out reminder emails. It will take about 10 days to send them all out.
- Beginning the ballot layout process. Once all municipal offices are determined we can get about 25 wards VBM ballots out.
- Polling places meeting with the City's Fleet and Facilities Management (2FM) Department regarding polling places and EV sites; there will be a few changes; should have a list soon.
- Judges and Election Coordinators recruitment is going well.
- There was a discussion as to whether High School Judges of Election would have a scheduling conflict with Election Day and either the SAT or ACT testing dates.

A. **Assistant Executive Director**

Assistant Director Charles Holiday reported:

- We have 27 record exams to start; 20 single, 5 multiple and 2 possible restarts.
- Judge of Election training starts January 2nd as does Election Coordinator training. Classes will take place at Block 37.
- The IT department is backing up November 2018 data.
- Registration Department staff who are not working on record exams are processing day-to-day registrations.

B. Communications Director

Communications Director Jim Allen reported:

- Working at keeping webpages up to date, including the various language-translated pages.
- Fielding Electoral Board hearing questions from the media.
- There will probably be a delay in beginning Early Voting per the 40-day start. Ward Early Vote sites will be up and running 15 days (Feb 11th) before election day. Supersite may be delayed because of required notices, Pre-LAT and audio ballot.

VI. Old Business

A. Infrastructure Projects and Changes in Election Administration: We will return to this after the April election.

B. Electronic Poll Books: Nothing to report at this time.

C. Voting Equipment: Nothing new to report.

D. Legislation: Mr. Lasker said that there is not much activity at this time. He is starting to look at new legislation as the session begins and reaching out for sponsors for our agenda.

VII. New Business

A. 2019 Calendar of Board Meetings: Commissioner Swain moved to approve the 2019 Calendar of Board Meetings. Commissioner Kresse seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 3:0 vote of the Board.

B. Board action pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-8 and Section 500.11 of the Board's General Rules of Administration to determine whether the following nominating papers and petitions for candidates in the February 26, 2019, municipal and aldermanic elections are in apparent conformity with mandatory provisions of the Illinois Election Code:

1. Sandra L. Mallory as a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago.
 - The Chairwoman asked if the candidate or a representative of the candidate was present at this meeting. No representative was present.
 - Mr. Lasker explained that there were two requirements for which the candidate's papers did not comply: 12,500 valid signatures and securely bound. Mallory submitted a packet with spiral binding with 100 pages and with 20 signature lines each, for a maximum of 2,000 signatures. There were multiple packets filed, but separately bound. We have to treat each packet as a separate filing and only 1 of those sets can be considered valid because of the binding requirements.

- Commissioner Kresse moved to find the filings of Sandra L. Mallory, a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago, are not in conformity with mandatory provisions of the Illinois Election Code. Commissioner Swain seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

C. Hearing on a request for reconsideration of the Board's prior apparent-conformity action involving two sets of referendum petitions seeking public questions in relation to establishing a Greater Austin Health district in certain territory within the City of Chicago.

- Mr. Pericles Abbasi appeared on behalf of proponent of the referendum, Congressman Danny K Davis.
 - Discussion between Mr. Abbasi, Mr. Lasker, the Chair and Commissioner Kresse ensued. Following discussion Commissioner Kresse moved to deny reconsideration of the previous ruling on this matter. Commissioner Swain seconded the motion and the Board denied reconsideration by unanimous vote of the Board.

VIII. Legal Report: Mr. Lasker reported that not much is going on except the Electoral Board.

IX. Financial Report

A. Balance Sheet and Voucher Listings for the City of Chicago – 2018 Appropriation – 18-09 dated December 27, 2018 in the amount of \$1,469,848.66

Commissioner Swain moved to approve the Balance Sheet and Voucher Listings for the City of Chicago – 2018 Appropriation – 18-09 dated December 27, 2018 in the amount of \$1,469,848.66. Commissioner Kresse seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

B. Balance Sheet and Voucher Listings for the County of Cook – 2018 Appropriation – 18-09 dated December 27, 2018 in the amount of \$6,527,839.74

Commissioner Kresse moved to approve Balance Sheet and Voucher Listings for the County of Cook – 2018 Appropriation – 18-09 dated December 27, 2018 in the amount of \$6,527,839.74. Commissioner Swain seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

X. Public Comment

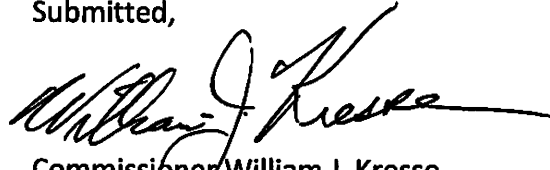
Mr. Mark Loveless commented on several topics including the petition challenging process, Automatic Voting Registration (AVR), campaign finance limitations and public

funding of campaigns. Mr. Loveless asked that the Board to be more aggressive in its pursuit to have the Secretary of State implement AVR.

XI. **Executive Session:** none.

XII. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Swain moved to adjourn until the next scheduled Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Kresse seconded the motion. The Board vote 3:0 to approve the motion. The Board adjourned.

Submitted,



Commissioner William J. Kresse
Secretary